

(interruption).

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. I was going to ask that same thing, if we could add the E clause on Select File. The question is then, shall LB 332 be advanced to E & R? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the advancement of LB 332. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 332.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 332 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 444 is the next bill for consideration. It was introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 21 of this year, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. There are Education Committee amendments pending. Senator do you want to take up your amendment to the amendment first or what is your druthers?

SENATOR WITHEM: My druthers would probably be to take up the amendment to the amendment. The amendment to the amendment is simply moving some language within the bill. It is not a terribly substantive change. I would take that up first with the Chair's permission. (Withem amendment is on page 921 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Yes, proceed, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, members of the body, the amendment to the committee amendment is, as I say, a fairly simplistic change. It merely moves some language within the statutes. Just a little brief background on LB 444. It is a bill that deals with the structure of county reorganization committees and the process by which local groups make determinations to reorganize their school districts. What LB...the committee amendments to LB 444 are, in effect, the old LB 443, which there were two bills that were introduced to the committee at the same time, and the committee, feeling that they dealt with substantially the same subject, decided to offer one as an amendment to the other, and burden the Legislature with only one bill dealing with this particular topic. I will explain those committee amendments in a moment or two. The